

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

Claims 142 and 149-174 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is requested.

OBVIOUSNESS TYPE DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION:

On pages 2-4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 142, 149-151, 153, and 155 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of selected claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,775,803 and/or 6,938,199. In view of the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

STATUS OF CLAIMS NOT REJECTED:

On page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner objects to claims 152, 154, and 156-174 as depending from rejected claims.

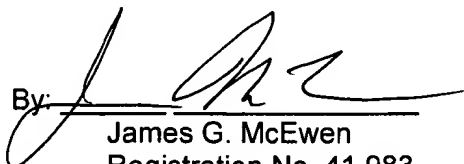
CONCLUSION:

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. And further, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview.

If there are any additional fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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